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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SNIE 80-1-59: The Situation in the Caribbean through 1960

1. SNIE 80-1-59 was originally scheduled as part of the regular estimates program for publication in March 1960 (USIB-D-14.1/5, 6 October 1959). After USIB's request for a working level review of the June 1959 Caribbean estimate and a recommendation regarding a possible updating (USIB-M-65, 10 November 1959), ONE prepared its memorandum for the DCI, The Situation in the Caribbean, 17 November 1959, which was circulated to the USIB. In this memorandum ONE recommended that the target of the new Caribbean estimate be moved up to early January 1960. This recommendation was approved by USIB (USIB-D-66, 17 November 1959). On 7 December 1959, Colonel McCann, J-2, the Joint Staff requested that ONE produce as fast as possible the new Caribbean estimate and for this reason the target was moved back to 29 December 1959

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(USIB-M-70, 15 December 1959). State at the representatives level strongly protested the cut back in the time for production of the new estimate.

2. Army has informed us that their position on a few items will not be firm until after General Williams is briefed later today. It is possible that Army will ask for the deletion of the sentence giving the estimate that Communists will not control Tibet Centre in 1960 (Para. reference: Conclusion 2 and corresponding sentence in text).

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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Chairman

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